

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1-4. These sheets, which include Figs. 1-6, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1-6.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

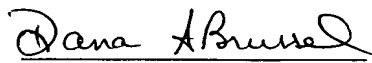
REMARKS

By the present amendment, the Applicant has amended the specification to identify the application's claim to priority and correct a typographical error. The Applicant has also included two replacement drawing sheets as a substitute for two of the drawing sheets originally filed in the international application. In addition, the Applicant has amended claims 1-6 and has added new claims 7-17. It is respectfully submitted that these additional claims do not introduce new subject matter, are fully supported by the application and are patentable over the prior art. Prompt and favorable consideration of these claims is earnestly sought.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims pending in the application, namely claims 1-17, are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner desire a telephonic interview to resolve any outstanding matters, the Examiner is sincerely invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (631) 501-5713.

Respectfully submitted,

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